

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 210

By Terry

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the coaches and members of the Oakland High School girls' basketball team upon placing second in the TSSAA Class AAA state championship.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those student-athletes who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as true champions of whom we all can be proud; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Oakland High School girls' basketball team and head coach Jennifer Grandstaff have proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard, as they recently placed second in the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Class AAA state championship; and

WHEREAS, competing in their first state championship since falling to Shelbyville in 2001, the Lady Patriots put up a fierce fight against their crosstown opponents, the Blackman Lady Blaze, but lost in a double overtime nail-biter 58–54. It was the first time in State history that two Murfreesboro teams played in a girls' final; and

WHEREAS, finishing the season with a 28–8 record, Oakland's team ranked third nationally in the *USA Today* poll; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Oakland High School Lady Patriots basketball team epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship season, but also surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Oakland High School Lady Patriots basketball team for their outstanding performance, and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the coaches and members of the Oakland High School girls' basketball team upon placing second in the the TSSAA Class AAA state championship, and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.